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Sir:

This is a reply to an Office Action mailed December 26, 2002, with a shortened statutory response period of one (1) month from the mailing date. This Reply is filed within the time period and, therefore, is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account number 02-1818.

REMARKS

Claims 1-111 are pending in this Application. On September 18, 2002, in Paper No. 6, the Examiner entered an Election/Restriction requirement which Applicants respectfully traversed in their response dated October 18, 2002 (Paper No. 7).

In the Office Action dated December 26, 2002, the Examiner asserts that Applicants' submission filed on October 18, 2002 (Paper No. 7) was not fully responsive, because Applicants did not list all of the claims that read on the elected species.